

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic device control system, comprising:
data preparation means for preparing operation data
and identification data corresponding to the operation
data;

an electronic device which carries out processing
based on the operation data prepared by said data
preparation means; and

portable data storage means for receiving the
identification data prepared by said data preparation
means, said portable data storage means including
identification data storage means for storing the
identification data,

wherein said portable data storage means transmits
the identification data stored in said identification
data storage means to said electronic device, and when
said electronic device receives the identification data
from said portable data storage means, said electronic
device carries out the processing based on the operation
data corresponding to the identification data.

2. The electronic device control system of claim 1,
further comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting the operation
data prepared by said data preparation means to said

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electronic device.

3. The electronic device control system of claim 2,
wherein:

said transmitting means is a network which connects
at least one data preparation means and at least one
electronic device.

4. The electronic device control system of claim 1,
wherein:

said portable data storage means receives the
identification data from said data preparation means and
transmits the identification data to said electronic
device by wireless.

5. The electronic device control system of claim 1,
wherein:

said electronic device includes operation data
storage means for storing the operation data transmitted
from said data preparation means; and

said electronic device checks the operation data
stored in said operation data storage means against the
identification data received from said portable data
storage means when receiving the identification data,
detects the operation data corresponding to the received

6. The electronic device control system of claim 3
further comprising:

7. An electronic device control system comprising:
data preparation means for preparing operation data;
an electronic device for carrying out processing
based on the operation data prepared by said data
preparation means; and

wherein said portable data storage means transmits the operation data stored in said operation data storage means to said electronic device, and when said electronic device receives the operation data from said portable data storage means, said electronic device carries out

the processing based on the operation data.

8. The electronic device control system of claim 1,
wherein:

said electronic device includes display means; and

said electronic device includes control means which
confirms the content of the operation data, judges
whether or not said electronic device has function means
for performing a selected function required to perform an
operation based on the operation data, then indicates the
judgment result on said display means.

9. The electronic device control system of claim 7,
wherein:

said electronic device includes display means; and

said electronic device includes control means which
confirms the content of the operation data, judges
whether or not said electronic device has function means
for performing a selected function required to perform an
operation based on the operation data, then indicates the
judgment result on said display means.

10. The electronic device control system of claim 1,
wherein:

said portable data storage means also stores user

management identification data, and transmits the user management identification data to said electronic device; and

said electronic device controls to limit the performance of an operation by said electronic device based on the user management identification data received from said portable data storage means.

11. The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:

said portable data storage means also stores user management identification data, and transmits the user management identification data to said electronic device; and

said electronic device controls to limit the performance of an operation by said electronic device based on the user management identification data received from said portable data storage means.

12. The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:

the user management identification data includes data of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of department identification data identifying the department in which said data preparation means for

preparing operation data is installed, user identification data set for each user, and storage means identification data set for each portable data storage means.

13. The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:

the user management identification data includes data of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of department identification data identifying the department in which said data preparation means for preparing operation data is installed, user identification data set for each user, and storage means identification data set for each portable data storage means.

14. The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:

the user management identification data is registered in said portable data storage means in advance.

15. The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:

the user management identification data is

registered in said portable data storage means in advance.

16. The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:

said electronic device is an image output device, and the operation data is print data.

17. The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:

said electronic device is an image output device, and the operation data is print data.

18. The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:

said data preparation means is a personal computer.

19. The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:

said data preparation means is a personal computer.

20. The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:

said portable data storage means includes at least one element selected from the group consisting of a

portable phone, a portable information processing terminal, and a card-type information recording medium.

21. The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:

said portable data storage means includes at least one element selected from the group consisting of a portable phone, a portable information processing terminal, and a card-type information recording medium.

22. A portable data storage device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving identification data from a data preparation device which prepares operation data to control the operation of an electronic device and identification data corresponding to the operation data,

storage means for storing the identification data; and

a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the identification data, transmitting the identification data stored in said storage means to said electronic device which carries out the processing based on the operation data corresponding to the received identification data.

23. A portable data storage device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving operation data prepared by a data preparation device from said data preparation device;

storage means for storing the operation data; and

a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the operation data, transmitting the operation data stored in said storage means to said electronic device which carries out the processing based on the operation data.

24. A data preparation device, comprising:

a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device and identification data corresponding to the operation data;

an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;

an identification data transmitting section for transmitting identification data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which stores the received identification data and transmits the stored identification data to said electronic device,

wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the identification data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data

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corresponding to the received identification data, selected among a plurality of operation data received from said operation data transmitting section.

25. A data preparation device comprising:

a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device;

an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;

an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which has functions to store the received operation data and transmit the stored operation data to said electronic device,

wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the operation data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data.

26. An electronic device comprising:

an operation data receiving section for receiving operation data from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data and identification data corresponding to the operation data;

an identification data receiving section for receiving the identification data from a portable data storage device which has a function to store the identification data received from said data preparation device; and

an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data which is received by said operation receiving section and corresponds to the identification data received by said identification data receiving section.

27. An electronic device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving operation data from a portable data storage device which has a function to store the operation data received from said data preparation device which prepares the operation data; and

an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data received by said receiving section.

28. An operation data management device comprising:

data storage means for storing operation data received via a network from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data controlling the operation of an electronic device; and

management means for managing a data output process
to output the operation data stored in said data storage
means to a plurality of electronic devices connected via
the network.

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